

App. No. 09/890,758
Office Action Dated March 24, 2006

that further comprises a transparent cover. The transparent glass cover (22) alone cannot be considered equivalent to the claimed transparent cover since it does not include two transparent members (transparent main body and transparent glass member), as required by claims 1, 5, 15, and 16. Favorable reconsideration of claims 1, 3, 5, 15, 16, and 18 is requested.

Claims 6-9 were rejected as being unpatentable over Onishi in view of Imagawa (US 5,455,412). Applicants traverse this rejection. Claims 6-9 should be considered allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 5 from which they depend. Imagawa does not remedy the deficiencies of Onishi, as previously noted. Favorable reconsideration of claims 6-9 is requested.

Claims 10-14 were rejected as being unpatentable over Onishi in view of Tamura (US 5,943,141). Applicants traverse this rejection. Claims 10-14 should be considered allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 5, from which they depend. Tamura does not remedy the deficiencies of Onishi, as previously noted.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612)455-3804.

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas P. Mueller", written over a horizontal line.

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